GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the primitive tribes are facing extinction in some parts of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts being made to make sustain the PTG's on the verge of extinction ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any formal report from any State Government/Union Territory informing that Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) are facing extinction.

(c) : The Ministry has been implementing a 100% Central Sector Scheme viz. "Development of Primitive Tribal Groups" since 1998-99 for over all development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). It is a very flexible scheme. Any activity/work, which is connected with the survival, protection and development of PTGs, can be taken up under the scheme. The activities/works may include provisions for housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development, income generation programmes, health-care, infrastructure development, social security, etc. During 10th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.105.03 crores has been released on the basis of annual activities proposed by various States/UT. This includes Rs.20.48 crores released for insurance coverage of 4.09 lakhs heads of PTG families under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India. Further, from the 11th Five Year Plan, the Ministry has initiated action to adopt hamlet/habitat development approach under the scheme for development of PTGs.